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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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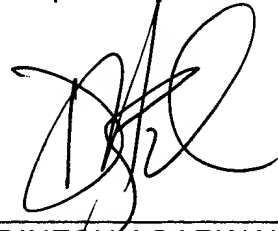
Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petitions for an extension of time for one-month, from July 29, 2004 to August 29, 2004, for filing a response. A check to cover the extension fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (a)(1).

It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should an official of the Patent Office have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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